

## Chapter 6.12

### LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

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#### 6.12.010 Keeping of livestock.

A. Livestock may be kept within the City only in the following circumstances:

1. In a zoning or use district which allows it as a permitted use, an approved conditional use, or an approved use subject to review.
2. At locations where allowed by the nonconforming use regulations of the City's zoning regulations/land use code.
3. At locations throughout the City where a minimum of one acre, clear of structures, is provided per animal on the premises.
4. In the I-1 Industrial District when kept in conjunction with the operation of a lawful livestock sales yard, packing plant or stockyard.

B. As used in this Chapter, the term "livestock" shall include but not be limited to horses, cattle, mules, donkeys, burros, llamas, alpacas, swine, goats, sheep and other such animals. (Ord. 21, §1, 1994; Ord. 17, §1(3-19), 1983)

#### 6.12.020 Keeping of poultry, rabbits and other animals.

A. Poultry, rabbits, mink, chinchilla, and similar animals may be kept within the City only in the following circumstances:

1. In a zoning or use district which allows it as a permitted use, an approved conditional use, or an approved use subject to review.
2. At locations where allowed by the nonconforming use regulations of the City's zoning regulations/land use code.
3. No more than 12 chickens may be kept on any single premises at locations throughout the City if kept confined within a cage, pen or building located no closer than 15 feet from abutting property.
4. No more than two birds (other than peacocks or chickens) and no more than two rabbits, mink, chinchilla or

similar animals, may be kept on any single premises if confined to a cage, pen or building located no closer than 15 feet from abutting property. Peacocks are not allowed under this Subsection.

5. Racing pigeons may be kept pursuant to a permit issued pursuant to Section 6.12.040. (Ord. 21, §1, 1994; Ord. 17, §1(3-20), 1983)

6.12.030 Maintenance standards.

A. All premises, pens, cages or structures where livestock, poultry or other animals are kept shall be kept in a clean, dry and sanitary condition.

B. All premises, pens, cages or structures where livestock, poultry, or other animals are kept shall be maintained so that the reasonable use of adjacent property is not adversely affected because of unreasonable odors, noise, insects or other nuisance created as a result of the animals. (Ord. 21, §1, 1994; Ord. 17, §(3-21), 1983)

6.12.040 Racing pigeons.

A. "Racing pigeon" means a pigeon which through selective past breeding has developed the distinctive ability to return to its home after release a substantial distance away, and which is accepted as such by national racing pigeon organizations.

B. The keeping, breeding, maintenance and flying of racing pigeons shall be permitted only on the following conditions:

1. The loft shall be of such sufficient size and design, and constructed of such material, that it can be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.

2. There shall be at least one square foot of floor space in any loft for each mature pigeon kept therein.

3. The construction and location of the loft shall not conflict with the requirements of any City Building and Land Use Regulations.

4. All feed for said pigeons shall be stored in such containers as to protect against intrusion by rodents and other vermin.

5. The loft shall be maintained in a sanitary condition and in compliance with all applicable health regulations.

6. All pigeons shall be confined to the loft, except for exercise, training and competition; and at no time shall pigeons be allowed to perch or linger on the buildings or property of others.

7. All pigeons shall be fed within the confines of the loft.

8. No one shall release pigeons to fly for exercise, training or competition except in compliance with the following rules:

a. The owner of the pigeons must be a member in good standing of an organized pigeon club, such as the American Racing Pigeon Union, Inc., the International Federation of Racing Pigeon Fanciers, the National Pigeon Association, the American Tippler Society, the International Roller Association, the Rare Breeds Pigeon Club, or a local club which has rules that will help preserve the peace and tranquility of the neighborhood.

b. Pigeons which have been fed within the previous four hours will not be released for flying.

9. No loft may be located closer than 25 feet from the residence of another.

10. A permit has been issued by the City Manager.

C. 1. Application for a Pigeon Permit shall be submitted on forms provided by the City accompanied by a fee of \$25.00.

2. The City Manager may issue a permit upon a determination that the applicable conditions will be met.

3. The permit may be revoked upon failure to comply with all applicable conditions following reasonable notice and hearing. (Ord. 21, §1, 1994; Ord. 17, §1(3-23), 1983)

#### 6.12.050 Enforcement.

A. It shall be unlawful to violate the provisions of this Chapter.

B. Violations of this Chapter are hereby declared to be a nuisance which may be abated in accordance with law. (Ord. 21, §1, 1994; Ord. 17, §1(3-23), 1983)